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SUBJECT: ALGERIA RESPONSE ON IRAN THIRD SANCTIONS RESOLUTION

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Classified By: Ambassador Robert S. Ford. Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Ambassador delivered reftel points to MFA Director General for International and Economic Affairs Rachid Bladephane (Assistant Secretary equivalent) on February 16. Ambassador updated Bladephane on U.S. diplomatic efforts on Iran nuclear challenges. Bladephane expressed Government of Algeria support for continued diplomatic engagement with Iran and sought details on the contents of the new UNSCR. However, he offered no substantive reaction.

¶2. (U) The local press reported that a personal envoy of Iranian President Ahmedinejad delivered an invitation on February 16 to Algerian President Bouteflika to visit Iran.
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